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Responsive to the office action dated 7/5/00, applicant submits the following as filed by a new attorney of record, John E. Halamka, an executed declaration and substitution of attorney is attached hereto. Applicant's new attorney of record requests the changes to address and phone number be entered into the record and the following comments and changes be considered:

The examiner has rejected the remaining claims 10-17 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctively claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the examiner expressly states that the use of the terms "adapted" and "enable" do not positively recite the claimed invention.

Applicant's attorney has reviewed the specification and claims and has clarified the use of the terms "adapted" and "enable" with the changes to the specification and claims to follow. Applicant's attorney respectfully believes that he has not added any new matter to the application by these changes and that such changes place the claims as supported by the specification in a state to be examined.

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